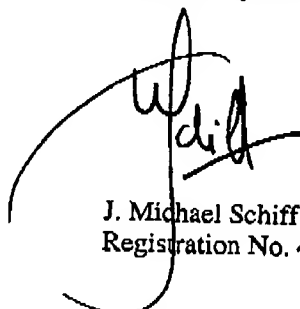


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~~The present~~ This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 08/974,549 filed November 19, 1997, Patent Number 6,166,178, which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 08/915,503, filed August 14, 1997, abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 08/912,951, filed August 14, 1997, Patent Number 6,475,789 and a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 08/911,312, filed ~~August 14, 1997, abandoned~~, all three of which are ~~continuation-in-part applications~~ continuations-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 08/854,050, filed May 9, 1997, Patent Number 6,261,836, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 08/851,843, filed May 6, 1997, Patent Number 6,093,809, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 08/846,017, filed April 25, 1997, abandoned ~~which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 08/724,643, filed on October 1, 1996, abandoned~~. This application also claims priority to Patent Convention Treaty Patent Application Serial No.: PCT/US97/17885 (published on April 9, 1998 as WO 98/14593) and to Patent Convention Treaty Patent Application Serial No. PCT/US97/17618 (published on April 9, 1998 as WO98/14592), both designating the U.S. and filed in the U.S. Receiving Office on October 1, 1997. Each of the aforementioned applications is explicitly incorporated herein by reference in its entirety and for all purposes. This application also incorporates by reference copending U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 08/974,584, filed November 19, 1997, in its entirety and for all purposes.